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City of Minneapolis

File No. 16-00519

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Declaring April as Autism Awareness Month.

Whereas, autism and disorders on the autism spectrum reflect a wide range of disabilities and symptoms affecting more than one million Americans; and

Whereas, Autism affects individuals from all backgrounds; and

Whereas, According to the Centers for Disease Control and Protection, one out of every 88 children born in the United States has autism or an autism spectrum disorder; and

Whereas, Autism manifests itself uniquely in each individual and is characterized by communication difficulties, social interaction problems, and the need for sameness or repetition in behavior; and

Whereas, According to the University of Minnesota study, one out of every 32 Americans of Somali decent born in the twin cities has autism; and

Whereas, Somali Parents Autism Network (SPAN) is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit Community organization organized to support Somali parents of children with autism (ASD); and

Whereas, Significant improvement is often possible if an individual with autism receives early diagnosis and treatment; and

Whereas, The Somali Parents Autism Network works to empower Somali families of children with autism in Minnesota, via outreach, education, and collaboration, for the purpose of connecting them with resources and services; and

Whereas, The city of Minneapolis is currently partnering with Somali Parent Autism Network to inform the community and the general public about autism, stress the importance of early diagnosis and early intervention, and celebrate the unique talents and qualities of individuals with autism.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the City Council does hereby designate the month of April as "Autism Awareness Month," to better inform the public the nature of autism, to encourage early treatment and diagnosis, and to celebrate the unique talents and qualities of individuals with autism.

Committee: NIA Public Hearing: NIA Publication: APR 23 2016

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE				
MEMBER	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
REICH	X			
GORDON	X			
FREY	X			
B. JOHNSON	X			
YANG	X			
WARSAME	X			
GOODMAN	X			
GLIDDEN	X			
CANO	X			
BENDER	X			
QUINCY	X			
A. JOHNSON	X			
PALMISANO	X			
DATE:	APR 15 2016			

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MAYOR HODGES

APR 21 2016

DATE

Certified an official action of the City Council

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

Presented to the Mayor:

APR 15 2016

Received from the Mayor:

APR 21 2016